

**REMARKS**

Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

**I. EXAMINER INTERVIEW**

Applicants thank the Examiner for the telephonic interviews on May 21, 2004 and May 27, 2004 regarding proposed amendments to the claims. During these discussions, agreement was reached for amending claims 5, 13, and 18 to incorporate the metals of claim 6, the pore volume of claim 8, and the pore diameter as disclosed in the Specification at page 17, lines 21-23. It was indicated that such amendments distinguish the claimed invention from the prior art. The present amendment incorporates the changes discussed and agreed upon during the interview.

Also, during the May 27, 2004 interview, the Examiner requested another copy of the Information Disclosure Statement (IDS), the PTO-1449 Form, and the cited reference which were previously submitted on April 30, 2004. Accordingly, Applicants faxed a copy of our previous submission to the PTO on May 27, 2004. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the cited reference and return an Examiner-initialed copy of the PTO-1449 Form.

**II. CLAIM STATUS & AMENDMENTS**

Claims 5-20 were pending in this application when last examined.

The present amendment amends claims 5, 8, 9, 13, and 18. The present amendment cancels claim 6 without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants reserve the right to file a continuation or a divisional application on any cancelled subject matter.

Claims 5 and 7-20 are now pending in this application.

Claims 5, 13, and 18 were amended to incorporate the metals of claim 6, the pore volume of claim 8, and the pore diameter as disclosed in the Specification at page 17, lines 21-23.

Claim 8 was amended to remove redundant language regarding the pore diameter.

Therefore, no new matter has been added by this amendment.

### CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the present application is now in condition for allowance and early notice to that effect is hereby requested.

If it is determined that the application is not in condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number below to expedite prosecution of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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